

**Amendments to the Specification:**

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-- Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is the National Phase of International Application PCT/NL03/00057 filed January 28, 2003 which designated the U.S., and was published in English, and which further claims benefit of priority to U.S. application Serial No. 10/058,058, filed January 29, 2002. --

Please add the following Abstract of the Disclosure, which is attached hereto on a separate page:

-- Process for the preparation of a thermoplastic elastomer by melt mixing a partially vulcanized rubber concentrate, a thermoplastic polymer and/or additives, optionally oil and a curing agent. The partially vulcanized rubber concentrate is prepared by melt mixing at least one elastomer and optionally oil with a thermoplastic polymer and a curing agent. The elastomer may be EPDM or EPM. The thermoplastic polymer may be chosen from a thermoplastic polyolefin. Useful curing agents are for example sulfur, sulfurous compounds, metal oxides, maleimides, phenol resins, siloxanes or peroxides. --